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Sixty-four pages include Appendix I. (Some Suggestions for Parents on How to Answer Childish Questions and How to Prepare Children for Puberal Changes), Appendix II. (Special Hygiene for Girls), Appendix III. (Physiology of Human Reproduction), Appendix IV. (Care of Animals—and Some Notes on Plant Life referred to in the Text). A bibliography for each chapter is appended. Most of the books mentioned are those published in England.

The American edition should prove helpful to many who have not seen the book. What Miss March has done is well done—her chapters are poorly named, however. The American edition would be improved if statistics from American institutions and organizations were added.

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#### JOURNALS AND NEW BOOKS

REVUE DE MÉTAPHYSIQUE ET DE MORALE. September-October, 1919. *Les Facteurs kantiens de la Philosophie allemande du commencement du XIX siècle* (pp. 569–593. *A suivre*) : V. DELBOS.—Kant's critique does not merely justify Leibnizian doctrines in a new way, but also suggests a new metaphysical theory. His successors at the opening of the nineteenth century began to develop this new system by discussing the consistency of Kant's position as to the *ding an sich* with the rest of his critique. The article describes the essential points raised in this discussion by Jacobi, Reinhold, Schulze, Maimon, Beck, and Fichte. *Les erreurs systématiques de l'intuition* (pp. 595–616) : L. ROUGIER—Contemporary mathematical analysis discloses the many errors and illusions which have crept into metaphysics because of our naïve reliance upon “spatial intuition” or “geometrical empiricism” in interpreting the cosmos. As examples of such error M. Rougier discusses the belief in the infinite continuity of space, in an infinite void, in absolute movement, in absolute size, form, and direction. The errors of “spatial intuition” are classified according to their sources into two main groups: (1) errors due to the inaccuracy of our senses, as described in Weber's laws of “the just perceptible increment of stimulation;” (2) errors due to the egocentrism of our senses in referring all things to the human body as a standard of measurement. *L'attitude religieuse des Jésuites et les sources du pari de Pascal* (pp. 617–647. *Suite et fin*) : L. BLANCHET.—Pascal opposed as a Jansenist to the rationalistic naturalism of Jesuit apologetics, nevertheless develops his famous wager along lines sug-

gested in the works of Jesuit writers like Arnobe, Sebond, Silhon, and especially Père Sirmond. For the Jesuits, however, external conformity to Christian conventions is a minimum religious life to which reason can lead the unbeliever. For Pascal, on the other hand, external conformity is all that reason can ever produce in the natural man. When by considering the infinite advantages of belief (as developed in the wager) an unbeliever is brought into outward conformity to Christian conventions, only the grace of God can pour into his heart a saving faith. *Études Critiques. Les Principes de l'Analyse mathématique par Pierre Boutroux* (pp. 649–667) : M. WINTER.—In his *Principles of Mathematical Analysis* M. Boutroux attempts a systematic account of the concepts of mathematical science, which will be intelligible to initiates in the philosophy of mathematics. M. Winter gives a sympathetic and ample description of the book. *Questions Pratiques. Citoyen ou Producteur?* (pp. 669–684) : M. LEROY.—The French Revolution brought as the ideal of our age, the “free citizen.” But this ideal has a rich social significance only in contrast to the preceding age of political absolutism. To-day the “free citizen” with his vote is a colorless figure. But a new ideal of to-morrow is developing, that of the *producteur*, the free worker, or perhaps we should say the free artist.

Hoernlé, R. F. Alfred. *Studies in Contemporary Metaphysics*. New York: Harcourt, Brace and Howe. 1920. Pp. viii + 306.

Penido, M. T.-L. *La Méthode intuitive de M. Bergson*. Paris: Félix Alcan. 1918. Pp. 220. 3.50 fr. (majoration temporaire 30%).

Richardson, C. A. *Spiritual Pluralism and Recent Philosophy*. Cambridge, Eng.: The University Press. New York: Putnam's. 1919. Pp. xxi + 335. 14/—. \$4.50.

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#### NOTES AND NEWS

A REMARKABLE collection of early editions of philosophical books recently formed by the Division of Philosophy at Harvard has been put on exhibition in the Treasure Room of the Widener Library.

The collection consists partly of books which already belong to the College Library or to the Robbins Library of Philosophy, but mainly of a very valuable gift of first editions, manuscripts, and autographed letters, which has recently been presented by Professor George Herbert Palmer.